

Business waste prevention grants



Hennepin County offers grants for projects that prevent waste in the business sector. Areas of focus can include reuse and recovery of goods and materials, food waste prevention, and packaging waste prevention.

Eligible recipients	For-profit businesses and nonprofit organizations
Eligible expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reusable food packaging• Reusable shipping and packaging containers• Food-waste tracking software• Research and development of innovative waste prevention projects.
Application timeline	Applications are due Tuesday, April 7, 2026. Grant projects are selected through a competitive process.
Amount of funding available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicants may apply for up to \$50,000• Minimum of \$2,500 per project
Matching funds	All grants require 25% cost share. This requirement may be waived if the total fund request is less than \$10,000 and includes purchases of used items or equipment.
Project timeline	Grant term of up to 18 months.
Reporting requirements	Must submit a final project report at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the grant agreement. The report must detail efforts made to achieve project goals and the results of those efforts, including quantitative data, referencing the baseline data and project expenditures. A reporting template will be provided

Contact us today

If you are considering applying for a waste prevention grant, contact us to: discuss project ideas and eligibility of potential expenses, obtain the application form, request assistance during application, or learn about other resources and waste reduction and recycling actions you can take.

- Visit hennepin.us/businesswasteprevention
- Contact a business recycling team member at businessrecycling@hennepin.us or 612-543-1316